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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keenan called the Monday, June 22, 2015 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Dublin Municipal Building. Members present were Mayor Keenan, Vice Mayor Gerber, Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, Mr. Lecklider and Mr. Reiner. (Mr. Peterson arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Keenan moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes, for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, and for personnel matters related to the appointment of a public employee. Vice Mayor Gerber seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes. (Mr. Peterson joined the session in progress.)

The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mayor Keenan, Vice Mayor Gerber, Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, Mr. Lecklider, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Reiner and Ms. Salay.

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Crandall, Mr. Smith, Ms. Mumma, Mr. Foegler, Ms. O'Callaghan, Chief von Eckartsberg, Mr. Hahn, Mr. Hammersmith, Ms. Ray, Mr. Syler, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Shawn Smith and Mr. Kridler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Dublin Convention and Visitors Bureau Update

Frank Willson, Council representative to the DCVB Board stated that has served in this role for a few months and is impressed with how well run the organization is as well as the coalition that exists between Dublin businesses, Dublin hotels and Dublin dining and entertainment offerings. The DCVB staff has created a detailed sales and marketing plan with very specific objectives and measurable goals. These goals help staff and the Bureau achieve its overall mission to attract visitors and travel dollars to Dublin, and help market the City as a great destination. In the packet distributed tonight are the results of the last fiscal year's plan that reflects a 27 percent increase in website visitors and a 51 percent increase in social media engagement. It generated 7,227 new rooms nights. Staff had a remarkable year, surpassing these goals and already has a great start to next year. The Board met today and approved the DCVB 2015-2016 sales and marketing plan, as well as the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. Information on both is included in the packet. The Bureau staff has very aggressive goals and over 100 tactics and programs to help meet these goals. The Bureau is very focused on measurable results and looks forward to reporting their progress to key stakeholders throughout the year. They also approved the new Board of Directors for the upcoming year. Brian Deitsch of Dublin City Schools and Dr. David Lee of Ohio Health have joined the Board. Sondra Kowaluk is the new Board President and Phil Smith, City representative to the Board is the President-elect.

Scott Dring, Executive Director noted:

- The Bureau has secured additional events recently, bringing 1,800 room nights and \$3 million of economic impact to the City. One is the SAFECON conference, which will convene in Dublin in May of 2016 and the second is the Midwest Tandem Bike Rally, which will take place in September of 2017.

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2. The National Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) is an event supported through the years by hotel-motel tax grant funds. Over 30 college teams fly to Don Scott Field and all of the events and hotel stays are in Dublin.
3. The Midwest Tandem Bike Rally will bring over 700 room nights and over 350 teams will participate from 33 states and three countries.
4. The Top Gun football camp will return to Dublin for the third consecutive year. This includes 1,500 participants from all 50 states. The event is held July 16 through July 22 at Dublin Jerome High School. Last year, it was the largest event held throughout the year with nearly 4,000 room nights. Council's support, support from Dublin City Schools, and from Nationwide Children's Sport Medicine were key in attracting this event once again.
5. They are launching a new campaign tonight that will utilize video. It is the way of the future for people to decide the destinations to visit. They have created videos featuring Dublin 's greatest champions – the residents -- to help "sell" the City as a destination. The campaign is based on Dublin residents, Dublin's champions, and sharing why Dublin is so special and why visitors should come to Dublin.

(He shared several videos created for this campaign.)

He distributed selfie sticks to Council members to enable them to take selfies and encouraged them to send them into the Bureau for this promotion.

Council members thanked them for the update.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Wallace Maurer, 7451 Dublin Road, Dublin:

1. Stated he did not attend the last Council meeting but came across the rebroadcast on the local government channel. He noted that Mr. Ruma stated that this rezoning application was likely his "swan song." The dialogue escalated rapidly into a Wagnerian opera, with Mr. Ruma as the heavy tenor and Mr. Reiner as the counter tenor!
2. There is one aspect of the City that is truly a global marker – the fantastic speed with which this town became an example of economic and technological development. There has been an amazing confluence of forces here in the town that snowballed into the kind of effective pollination, which led to fantastic economic and technological development. He pointed out this is not a place to stop, but rather can be the basis for a many-sided culture developing in the City. For a City of this size, it is an amazing achievement.

Mayor Keenan noted this is well stated and is a result of the many City Councils and staff's hard work over the decades.

Scott Haring, 3280 Lily-Mar Court, Dublin stated that he was surprised to read the interview with Crawford Hoying in *Business First*. "The only thing we have left to do is sign a development agreement, which we expect to do by the end of June. Demolition on the site is complete, and some foundation is already built. In terms of vertical construction, that will start in July." Perhaps he missed a meeting, but this development agreement is apparently still in the works. Back in January, he anticipated this development agreement would be one of the front-end pieces – who is doing what, what the City will do, and that anything else would be the developer's responsibility. But he has observed that demolition has occurred, dirt is being moved, and things are moving forward.

Mayor Keenan asked Mr. McDaniel to respond.

Mr. McDaniel stated that there has been significant demolition on the east side of the river and at the 94 and 100 N. High Street sites relative to Crawford Hoying's property ownership. The City has also demolished several buildings in the area of the east side of the river, including the Wendy's restaurant, the former Mark Pi's restaurant, the Spa at River Ridge and the former Digger and Finch restaurant. All of that was in anticipation of the realignment of Riverside Drive. The owner of the Bridge Pointe shopping center, Crawford Hoying, made the decision to demolish the buildings on that site due to access issues. A property owner has the right to demolish buildings after securing permits for the

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demolition. The City took down the buildings it owned in preparation for the new roadway system.

Mayor Keenan added that work continues on the economic development agreement with Crawford Hoyiing.

Mr. Haring asked for an estimated timeframe for that item.

Mayor Keenan responded that, hopefully, that will occur soon. Staff and Council will act upon a development agreement, once they are satisfied that the agreement is in the City's best interest.

Mr. Lecklider commented that what a property owner does on their site is done entirely at their risk. There is no guarantee there will be a development agreement. Similar to a contract for a home sale, until the closing is completed and documents are executed, there is not a sale. Anything could happen up until the last minute that could result in a deal not being consummated. Certainly, the City is negotiating in good faith with Crawford Hoyiing towards a development agreement. There are many examples in the Dublin area where a developer has engaged in site development prior to obtaining private approval. Costco is one example where site development is occurring prior to final approvals. Vadata begin site development prior to obtaining final approval from the City. There is nothing particularly unusual about the demolition that has taken place.

Mr. McDaniel noted that Costco is in Jerome Township, Union County and they are undertaking site development, some of which is at their own risk as the infrastructure is not yet approved by the county. With Vadata, subsidiary of Amazon, they went through reviews at the Administrative Review Team as it is in the West Innovation District. A property owner has the right to tear down buildings on a property, provided they obtain demolition permits. The zoning process is a separate matter.

Mr. Lecklider added that for Amazon, they are doing site development on other locations around Central Ohio as well, such as in Hilliard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Gerber moved approval of the actions listed for the eight items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Salay, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes.

- Approval of 6-8-15 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

- **Ordinance 41-15 (Introduction/first reading)**

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Necessary Conveyance Documents to Acquire a 0.385 Acre, More or Less, Fee Simple Interest; a 0.004 Acre, More or Less, Fee Simple interest; and a 0.320 Acre, More or Less, Temporary Easement from Property Located at 6700 Tuller Ridge Drive Owned by LSREF3 Bravo (Ohio), LLC (formerly G&I VI Sycamore Ridge, LLC), to connect Dale and Tuller Ridge Drives, and Declaring an Emergency. (Second reading/public hearing July 1 Council meeting)

- **Ordinance 42-15 (Introduction/first reading)**

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Necessary Conveyance Documents to Acquire a 0.137 Acre, More or Less, Fee Simple Interest; a 0.525 Acre, More or Less, Permanent Greenspace Easement; a 0.578 Acre, More or Less, Permanent Greenspace Easement; and a 0.197 Acre, More or Less, Temporary Easement from Property Located on the North and South Side of the new John Shields Parkway, East of Riverside Drive, Owned by Invictus Land Holdings, LLC, for the Riverside Drive Realignment and Construction of John Shields Parkway, and Declaring an Emergency. (Second reading/public hearing July 1 Council meeting)

- **Ordinance 46-15 (Introduction/first reading)**

Authorizing the City Manager to execute necessary conveyance documents to Acquire a 0.016 acre, more or less, temporary easement from property located at the southwest corner of Tuller Ridge Drive and Tuller Road owned by Vrable Land Holding Dublin, LLC, for the Riverside Drive realignment and construction of John Shields Parkway, and Declaring an Emergency. (Second reading/public hearing July 1 Council meeting)

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- **Ordinance 47-15 (Introduction/first reading)**

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Necessary Conveyance Documents to Acquire a 0.036 Acre, More or Less, Fee Simple Interest; a 0.007 Acre, More or Less, Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement; and a 0.213 Acre, More or Less, Temporary Easement from Property Located on the South Side of Tuller Road Just East of Riverside Drive, Owned by Tuller Henderson, LLC for the Riverside Drive Realignment and Construction of John Shields Parkway, and Declaring an Emergency. (Second reading/public hearing July 1 Council meeting)

- **Resolution 52-15 (Introduction/vote)**

Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Street Maintenance Program – Part 2.

- **Resolution 53-15 (Introduction/vote)**

Declaring Certain City-Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of Said Property in Accordance with Section 37.07 of the Dublin Codified Ordinances.

- Approval of Final Plat – Bridge Park, Section 1

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 39-15

Authorizing the Execution of an Infrastructure Agreement to Provide for the Construction of Public Infrastructure Improvements Relating to a Residential Development, and Declaring an Emergency. (Casto – Tuller Flats)

Mr. McDaniel stated that this is a continuation of items related to the Casto Tuller Flats development. This ordinance brings closure to the infrastructure agreement itself.

Wallace Maurer, 7451 Dublin Road, Dublin stated that he would like a copy of the original TIF agreement related to this project, which was approved in January. He will obtain a copy of this agreement from the Clerk. He asked if this is the largest TIF the City has entered into in terms of property valuation.

Ms. Mumma responded it is not, but she will provide that information to him separately.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher moved for emergency passage.

Mr. Lecklider seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes.

Vote on the Ordinance: Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes.

Ordinance 40-15

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Real Estate Exchange Agreement and the Necessary Conveyance Documentation to Acquire 1.20 Acres, More or Less, Fee Simple Interest from the Central Ohio Transit Authority ("COTA"), Located Adjacent to and North of Dale Drive in Exchange for 0.815 Acres, More or Less, to be Owned by the City, Located Adjacent to and West of Dale Drive and North of State Route 161 for the Replacement of a COTA Park and Ride, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. McDaniel stated that this legislation relates to an ongoing effort with COTA to relocate the existing Park and Ride on Dale Drive. The major parts of this agreement are that the City and COTA will simply swap the existing site for a site nearly adjacent to it. The Park and Ride will be relocated to this site. COTA will continue to operate at its present location for a short period of time; they will move to a temporary location at the previous Byers Chevrolet site, now owned by the City. The Park and Ride will operate in the temporary location for a period of time – estimated as one year – as the new site is prepared in accordance with the agreement. The new Park and Ride will also be on Dale Drive. He thanked COTA for their cooperation on this agreement. Staff anticipates that the COTA Board will take action on this agreement on Wednesday, June 24 and the goal is to close on the property that same day. He offered to respond to questions.

Scott Haring, 3280 Lily-Mar Court, Dublin stated that this topic came up in January. At that time, the proposed ordinance was multi-faceted and was predicated by a map being

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drawn that showed the existing Park and Ride lot to be bisected by the new street. If this is a matter of right-of-way for the new street, shouldn't there simply be an action to acquire that right-of-way? He never understood what would happen to the flank on either side, if the City took the entire parcel. Tonight's proposal seeks the entire parcel in the swap. He asked why the City needs to be involved in this as opposed to simply allowing COTA to move somewhere else or take this interim site.

Mr. McDaniel responded that this agreement does relate to developing new roadway and right-of-way. It is imperative that the City, in accordance with its roadway plans, acquire the land to enable the new roadway to be built. While one could argue there is residual on the property, it is very small and the City has had a past practice of working with the property owners; it has been the City's practice to purchase the entire property, if there a small residual.

Mr. Smith added that when the City has property appraised, it is done on damage to the roadway being taken, and then on damage to the residual. When those are added together, in nearly all cases, it is best to purchase the entire property. COTA will be relocated in Dublin so they can continue to serve residents.

Ms. Salay commented that another point not emphasized is that the City views COTA as a strategic partner and the City prides itself on its partnerships. These partnerships have made the Dublin community much more successful. Viewing COTA as a strategic partner, it is in the City's and the residents' interest to partner with them to determine an alternative. Working together to resolve this is in the greater interests of the community.

Mr. McDaniel added that this Park and Ride is much like any operating business, and the City makes its best effort to assist businesses in relocation when they are impacted by City projects.

William Goldman, 500 W. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio thanked the City of Dublin, especially Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Smith, for the cooperation extended to COTA. This Park and Ride was established 20 years ago and represents the most successful Park and Ride facility in the system. They are very pleased with the cooperation of the City, and the partnership between COTA and the City will continue into the future.

Vice Mayor Gerber moved for emergency passage.

Ms. Salay seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes.

Vote on the Ordinance: Ms. Salay, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 43-15

Amending the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015.

Vice Mayor Gerber introduced the ordinance.

Ms. Mumma stated this is routine legislation that is typically considered in December of each year. Staff wanted to clean up the accounts at the halfway point in the year; the majority of these appropriations relate to contracts awarded through other legislative activity to date. She pointed out Section 16, noting that the City awarded a \$22 million roadway contract for the realignment of Riverside Drive, the roundabout and park work. Those funds will be advanced from the General Fund temporarily until debt is issued in the fall. At the second quarter update to the Finance Committee, the General Fund balance will have declined for this reason, yet the balance will remain in excess of the 50 percent reserve desired. It will be replenished when the proceeds of the bond issuance are received.

Mayor Keenan asked about the transfer of the balance to the water tower account.

Ms. Mumma responded that there were residual funds from that bond issuance, and unspent proceeds are required to be transferred into a bond retirement fund.

Mayor Keenan asked if there are other water tower projects scheduled in the future.

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Ms. Mumma responded there are no water tower projects planned.

Vice Mayor Gerber moved to dispense with the public hearing.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes.

Vote on the Ordinance: Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. McDaniel:

1. Announced that Tracey Gee was appointed as the new Director of Recreation Services. He congratulated her on this promotion!
2. Stated that the City will be announcing the appointment of a new Chief Information Officer later this week. He is very pleased with this progress.
3. Reported that a memo was distributed on the dais tonight from Chief von Eckartsberg regarding traffic planning for Independence Day.
4. Reported that on the dais tonight is a copy of a letter to the Jerome Township Planning Commission from Dublin staff relative to the proposed Schottenstein Real Estate Group development plan at the Jacquemin Farm site on Hyland-Croy Road. Planning staff is attending at the Township Trustees meeting tonight to enter this letter into the record.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Salay, Planning and Zoning Commission representative stated that the Commission met on June 11 and approved the development plans for Bridge Park East. The Commission is now working on review of policy for master sign plans for the larger Bridge Street District.

Mr. Peterson, Board of Education representative:

1. Reported that a meeting was held last Wednesday with City staff members, Dr. Hoadley and two Board of Education Members. The Schools and the City think very much alike on many issues and keeping the communication lines open is very helpful.
2. Thanked staff for the summary of the history of the Win-Win agreement. He encouraged others to read it to gain a better understanding of the history of the agreement.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, MORPC representative reported that a Board meeting was held on June 11. She noted that a License Plate Fee Task Force has been established and will make recommendations to the MORPC Board regarding options available to municipalities. Individual municipalities are permitted by law to charge an additional fee for license plates issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and this fee can be directed for infrastructure development and infrastructure maintenance in a community. With the reduction in the Local Government Funds experienced by many of the municipalities, a license plate fee may be an opportunity to raise some additional revenue.

Mr. Lecklider asked for clarification. When a citizen renews their auto registration with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, would it be tracked back to the home address for the citizen?

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher stated that Dublin does not add a fee, but is permitted to do so.

The proposal is for add-ons in different amounts that would be directed toward infrastructure development. The City does not currently exercise its right to impose an add-on fee for registrations. Some cities do impose such fees.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Peterson:

1. Congratulated Mr. McDaniel on the new hires announced recently. These are truly impressive individuals and a testament to the team that he is building.
2. Noted that cement cylinders/towers with manholes on top have been installed at the Riverside/161 roundabout. Is the road to be elevated to this point?

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Mr. McDaniel responded that the manhole in place on the northeast corner of the new roundabout is at the ultimate height of the roadway.

Mr. Peterson noted there will be a significant incline from the bridge up to the roundabout.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher:

1. Noted that a Council work session regarding sewer and water extensions was held on June 15. What is the timeframe for bringing recommendations to Council for decisions about affirming the existing policy or making any changes to the current policy? Some residents in attendance have asked about this, as the understanding was something would be brought forward to Council later in the summer.

Mr. McDaniel responded that the policy regarding the petitioning process will be brought forward at the August 10 Council meeting. At the CIP process, deployment plans for these extensions can be provided to Council.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher stated that she recalls the City has had a petition procedure, but it has not been formalized as a written policy – it was simply something operationalized over the years. For that reason, it is desirable to have a formal written policy for review.

Mr. McDaniel responded that the two operational policies in place relate to the 85 percent participation requirement for the extension of main lines and the City's willingness to fund such extensions; and secondly, the requirement to tap into the services, which has been in the City's Code as well as the Public Health Department for many years. The petitioning process relative to having an area included in the list or advancing the priority of such extensions due to a crisis situation is a new procedural process being drafted. These draft policies will be benchmarked off other cities' policies.

Mayor Keenan stated that he is interested in a broad-brush policy discussion with respect to both the main line extensions, the timing, and the requirements to tap in. He believes it would be appropriate to discuss in the context of the Capital Improvements Program workshop. He believes that whether the timeframe for extensions is a five-year or a 25-year or longer period, the City should have a plan for extending the main water and sewer lines. If the City can install a bikepath system throughout the City, the City should also consider connectivity to water and sewer for the balance of the residents currently without those services. He would like further discussion at the CIP workshop.

Ms. Salay stated she was out of town on June 15, but is curious if any new information was shared. If there are certain areas experiencing problems with their systems that impact health, she would like to know that. Also, was there discussion about requiring connection to the main lines, based upon the health and environmental issues?

Ultimately, the goal of the municipality is to have these utilities available and have connectivity for all the residents of the City. If there is a particular situation where a resident does not need the services, they will likely not be interested in tapping in. However, there is a larger issue involved – the City needs to have everyone connected to water and sewer.

Mayor Keenan agreed. With respect to implementation, that is a policy discussion. The requirement to tap in (within 90 days of notification of service line availability) could be modified, if Council wants to do so. If the extensions are made available, he believes residents will desire connectivity. It will enhance their property values. There are many health and safety issues involved for connectivity, and a City the size of Dublin should ensure connection.

Vice Mayor Gerber stated that he agreed with Ms. Salay and Mayor Keenan. Long term, this is a health and safety issue. He would be interested in a reasonable implementation plan over time, given the level of interest in the services and with consideration of the financial side as well for the City.

Ms. Salay agreed. She noted that other cities, unlike Dublin, assess the costs of sidewalk repairs to property owners. Perhaps there is a cost-sharing that could be proposed for these extensions. The bulk of the residents paid to connect as part of the cost of their home. Some type of long-term vision and plan should be established so that the residents can understand how this would be implemented.

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Mayor Keenan stated that the areas can be prioritized, as previously discussed. It would be important to have an option available for an emergency situation in an area where they could petition the City – assuming an 85 percent level of interest -- for higher prioritization based on these factors.

Vice Mayor Gerber agreed.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher reiterated that in the materials provided for the workshop, it was noted that there is no area within the City at the present time that has been designated as a health issue. The Franklin County Public Health Department and the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District have tested all of the wells and systems that exist. The extensions are a matter of policy, and could be discussed in the CIP workshop. The challenge with this is that, typically, public input is not part of the CIP workshop. Only one letter was sent to Council on this topic, which was from Mr. and Mrs. Parkhill who are not interested in tap-in. There are some who are interested and some who are not. It is important to create a forum where Council can hear testimony from the public.

Vice Mayor Gerber agreed.

Mayor Keenan suggested that the broader policies could be discussed at the CIP, and public input can be sought after the CIP workshop.

Ms. Salay stated that it is important to take public comment at the front end and not after the CIP workshop. This testimony should be weighed with all the other information discussed at the workshop.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher suggested this topic be an agenda item for the August 10 Council meeting. In that way, the input would be provided prior to the CIP workshop on August 17.

Mayor Keenan noted that the Code requirement for a property owner to tap-in to the lines within 90 days (of notice to do so) is problematic. If the City is to extend the lines, property owners must be given more time to work through the financial issues related to the property owner cost for connection to the systems. The government should not be in a position of forcing connection within such a timeframe.

Vice Mayor Gerber agreed with Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher's suggestion for scheduling this on the August 10 agenda – in advance of the CIP workshop – so that an opportunity for public input is provided.

Mayor Keenan asked Mr. McDaniel to comment.

Mr. McDaniel responded that he believes staff has had discussion about next steps and will be prepared to propose a petitioning process as well as an extension policy. Based on the areas identified and the analysis done, staff will propose a prioritization of extension. He emphasized that there needs to be a systematic deployment of such extension of a system in order to do it properly. Another dialogue can be scheduled by Council regarding the connection requirement timeframe, and whether to modify the current Code. At the same time, staff will bring forward a petitioning process for residents to move their area forward as a higher priority than scheduled.

Vice Mayor Gerber added that it seems this would need to be coordinated with the annual CIP update.

Mr. McDaniel agreed. The City's ability to fund such an extension program is being reviewed as well.

Mr. Lecklider commented that he agrees that in an ideal world, every property owner would have these services. However, he would only support such extensions with a mandate that everyone connect to the systems. He does not want to be in a position of reviewing numerous waiver requests. There are many different situations ranging from those whose present systems are working well and those who would require a lift station to connect their property.

Mayor Keenan agreed that this is a difficult policy decision, but it needs to be discussed.

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Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher continued:

2. She attended the Ohio Municipal League Board meeting on Friday. The major topic of discussion, aside from the state budget, was the municipal income tax draft. An excellent synopsis of this was provided to everyone by the OML. Ms. Gibson has indicated that she will be attending the Finance Committee in the fall to discuss the implications of all of the changes being recommended for the municipal income tax. By that time, the changes will have been approved by the state legislature.

Mr. Reiner asked staff about the deadlines for the Bicycle Friendly City applications. Ms. Crandall responded she will check on these dates, as she recalls there are two opportunities each year for the applications.

Mayor Keenan:

1. Thanked Community Relations on the "Open for Business" campaign. The City is under construction in many locations, but traffic continues to flow well. Hats off to staff for this effort!
2. Reported that the Blue Star Memorial Dedication was held on Sunday, June 14. This garden was a project of the Muirfield Village Garden Club. The event was very nice, with the Dublin Cornet Band performing. The plaque is visible from Bridge Street and is very attractive. Mr. Reiner was involved with this project at the outset and he acknowledged his efforts in working with the Garden Club.
3. Attended the Arbor Day observance at the Ohio University campus in Dublin, with the planting of a beautiful Japanese cherry tree. This was a very nice and well-attended event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor – Presiding Officer

Clerk of Council